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SUBJECT: ICELAND FISH CONSERVATION MOVE QUESTIONED BY UK

1. IN NOTE TO GOI JULY 17, BRITISH CONTENTED THAT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED BAN ON FISHING IN STRANDAGRUNN REGION NORTHWEST OF ICELAND FOR CONSERVATION REASONS WAS INCONSISTENT WITH TERMS OF NOVEMBER 1973 FISHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. GOI ACTION, WHICH IT STATES IS AIMED A PROTECTING IMMATURE FISH, APPLIES TO ALL VESSELS INCLUDING ICELANDIC. BRITISH NOTE, ACCORDING TO PRESS AND UK EMBOFF, SAYS THAT UNDER 1973 PACT, ICELAND MAY NOT ESTABLISH CONSERVATION ZONES BEYOND THOSE ALREADY AGREED TO WITHOUT CONSULTING HMG. NOTE RESERVES FURTHER UK RESPONSE TO GOI ACTION AND OFFERS TO DISCUSS MATTER.

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2. COMMENT: NEITHER SIDE APPARENTLY EXCITED OVER DEVELOP-

MENT, AT LEAST YET. GOI OFFICIALS IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS
STRESS HOPE THAT UK WILL APPRECIATE NEED FOR SUCH CON-
SERVATION MEASURES, NOTING THAT NO RPT NO DISPUTE IS IN-
VOLVED, ONLY QUESTION OF INTERPRETATION. UK EMBOFF TOLD
US THAT WHILE HIS GOVT REJECTS UNILATERAL BAN, IT PLANS
TO TALK OVER MATTER WITH ICELANDERS. HE ADDED THAT STEP
HAS NO IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR UK SINCE NO
BRITISH VESSELS ARE FISHING IN AREA.
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